

Audit Shows Ball Tourney Successful Self-Paying Sports Event

SHELL WINS TITLE IN 38th GAME OF SEMI-PRO SERIES

Bringing down the curtain on what proved to be the most successful sports event ever staged in Torrance, Shell Athletic Club defeated El Centro 7 to 4 Monday night to win the state title and gold trophy in the third annual California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament. The championship game, attended by the largest crowd—estimated at nearly 2,000—ever to jam the city park diamond, was a battle from start to finish.

Altho a definite decision has not been reached as yet, the Shell club is expected to make the trip to Wichita, Kans., next week to participate in the National Semi-Pro Congress games as the California entry.

With Charles Lightfoot on the mound, the Shell club won the 38-game tournament in the eighth inning when three runs were scored to break a 4 to 4 tie that started at the end of the fifth. Lightfoot gave up three hits in the first inning and then held the El Centros to four more. He struck out five and walked two.

El Centro got away to a hefty start in the opening canto, rapping out three singles, one of which scored Siraton, first man at bat. Then Derrington poled out his second home-run of the series. Al McNeeley, pitching for the southerners, was nicked for 10 hits, walked five and fanned two.

Dropped Ball Loses Game
Tex Reichert's error in dropping Shimer's long fly in the eighth allowed Multonovich to bring in Shell's fifth run. McNeeley purposely walked Derrington, filling the bases with two out. Glenn Rozelle singled and that hit scored Shimer and Daves for the winning margins.

The crucial Shell-El Centro contest had been brewing for the last week of the tourney. Shell put Torrance-Lomita Merchants out of the series and into a tie with North American Aviation last Friday by a 10 to 3 victory. The finalists clashed Saturday night and Shell walloped El Centro all over the park to win 16 to 6.

Lead by Manager Jack Stark, the southerners then proceeded to set Standard Oil Refinery down into third spot by a 12 to 4 win Sunday afternoon and that night hit Shell with a 9 to 3 loss.

Financial Report Given
Total gate receipts from the 24 days' play amounted to \$2,820, Dale Riley, state semi-pro commissioner who was in charge of the event, reported Tuesday. Half of this sum, by tourney rules, went to the competing teams as follows:

Shell A. C., \$282; El Centro, \$282; Standard Oil, \$141; and Torrance-Lomita Merchants and North American Aviation, \$70.50. Ten percent of the gate will be awarded Shell's club on its arrival in Wichita, Kans. Ten percent or \$282, was prorated among the 20 teams to help pay their mileage to and from Torrance.

The remaining \$1,410 will be used to pay expenses of the tourney and the \$500 major award which will be given Shell A. C., to assist in paying the champions' traveling expenses to the national finals that will be held in the Kansas city, Aug. 11 to 23. Chief item of expense was the sum paid of the 15 umpires who officiated at the games. This was \$281.

Fans Want 1940 Series
Monday night's final game drew 1,066 paid admissions. More than 300 holders of players, officials and complimentary passes were admitted and boys and girls under 15 made up the remainder of the record throng. The games drew a grand total of 18,800 spectators, it was estimated by Riley and others in close contact with the series.

Presentation of the large gold trophy to Manager Pete Sanchez and winners' checks was made by Commissioner Riley immediately after the finish of the title game. Mayor William H. Tolson warmly praised the management of the tournament and when he asked the crowd whether Torrance should stage the 1940 series, yells of agreement responded.

Starting July 8, the tournament steadily gained in attendance. At Riley's request, boys and girls under 15 swarmed out of the stands Monday night to take standing and sitting room along the first and third base lines. This move accommodated with seats all adults who entered the ball park.

Able Management
Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the series was directed by Riley with the assistance of a committee composed of Alden W. Smith, past president; City Councilman Tom McGuire, Secretary L. J. Gilmeister

FINALS

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Shell A. C.	7	1
El Centro	6	2
Standard Oil	4	2
T-L Merchants	4	2
No. Am. Aviation	3	2
S. P. Longshoremen	2	2
N. Y. A. Hermosa	2	2
Glendora (Dropped Out)	2	1
U. S. S. Vestal	1	2
Pasadena Merchants	1	2
Bank of America	1	2
Pismo Beach	1	2
Illinois Cleaners	1	2
U. S. Rubber	1	2
Dr. Ross	1	2
L. A. Carpenters	0	2
Gaffers & Sattler	0	2
Pepsi-Cola	0	2
Fort MacArthur	0	2
March Field	0	2

WEEK'S SCORES

Thurs., July 27—Standard Oil 6, S. P. Longshoremen 5
Fri., July 28—Shell A. C. 10, T-L Merchants 3
Sat., July 29—Standard Oil 7, No. Am. Aviation 4
Sun., July 30—El Centro 6, Standard Oil 4
El Centro 9, Shell A. C. 3
Monday, July 31—Championship game: Shell A. C. 7, El Centro 4

and Micheal Straszer of The Herald.

Twenty teams, from Pismo Beach on the north to El Centro on the south, entered the series. After two defeats a team was eliminated. The final standings are published in another column. Outside of the usual minor squabbles over umpires' interpretations of ground plays, there were no entanglements attending the entire series. Close observers of the tournament credited Riley's able management with this smooth operation.

Thursday, July 27—Standard Oil's Rosen's hit scored Beringelli and won the game, 6 to 5, which knocked the S. P. Longshoremen out of the tourney. Nielson, Oiler chukker, was touched for 11 hits, four of them in the third, and granted one walk. Bill Cecil's offerings were taken for 10 hits and he walked two.

Friday, July 28—Shell A. C. unloaded its heavy artillery to push Torrance-Lomita Merchants into a tie for fourth place in the tourney. Shell won, 10 to 3. Al De Hoog was touched for eight runs, six hits in the six frames, being relieved by Patalano. Seven errors in the first five innings contributed to the locals' loss.

Saturday, July 29—Standard Oil dumped North American Aviation out of the title race, 7 to 4. Reif allowed the Aviators six spaced hits, struck out five, walked five. Hopkins and Anderson shared mound work for Aviation, allowing 10 hits.

Playing under lights for the first time, El Centro appeared dazed by the illumination and was crushed by Shell A. C., 16 to 6, altho the southerners nicked Lightfoot and Grant for 15 hits. Shell collected 17 bingles from Reichert, Ellis, Vitalich and Andrade. Reichert was shelled from the mound in the third under a salvo of eight runs, seven hits.

Sunday, July 30—El Centro made a great come-back to defeat Standard Oil (putting that team in fourth place) 12 to 4. Standard used three pitchers, Talamante, Nielson and Wirthman, trying to stave off defeat. El Centro's Vitalich scattered nine hits, while his teammates collected 11. McNeeley and Reichert's home runs topped a batting record for El Centro that included three doubles.

The El Centros showed no loss of power in the night game and downed Shell to their level of six wins and one loss by a 9 to 3 victory. Tex Reichert pitched a masterful game, allowing but five hits, fanning eight and walking three. Hutchenson started for Shell and was blasted by a salute of a home run by Willingham, a triple by Andrade, doubles by Walters, Reichert, Andrade, McNeeley and Doerr. He gave up seven runs and 13 hits. Brown, inserted in the seventh, was touched for two runs and two hits more.

New York and San Francisco were first linked by long distance telephone in 1915.

The Herald's Sport Page

SPORT SHOTS

By BOB LEWELLEN

NEWS OF COMING OLYMPIC GAMES IN HELSINKI

The Finns, who are now in serious training for the 1940 games, to be held in their own country for the first time, will be hard to beat in track and field. They usually send only a few athletes to represent their people, and of course everyone knows they always make a good show, but in the coming games they will be well represented, and hard to beat on their own soil.

According to recent information, the Finns, while in training, wear the heaviest road shoes and clothes available. The idea is to build up stamina on the road before getting down to spiked shoes and breezy shorts.

This year ten cents will be added to admission tickets for the Marquette-Low led College football game at Milwaukee, Wis., November 11. For the benefit of the American Olympic Fund.

The City of Torrance or the local Chamber of Commerce should be making some preparation to send their men, Louis Zamperini, Bill Stewart and John Hall to the games. Hall is planning to try-out for the 5000 meter run, Zamperini for the 800 and 1500 meter runs while Stewart will be doing his best to represent his country in the high jump. Yes the City of Torrance has a very fine chance to have three men to represent the United States during the 1940 Olympic Games.

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACH LEADS FIELD

Elmer Layden, of Notre Dame, took this week's National poll of newspaper and radio stations to select five coaches who will lead an all-star college football team against the champion New York Giants of the National Professional League to be played August 30.

Layden received 474,710 points, almost twice as many as his closest rival, Mal Edward of Purdue.

ANNUAL HERMOSA BEACH CLASSIC SUNDAY

The Fifth Annual 41-mile "Story Book" marine sports classic, Aquaplane Marathon will be held this Sunday, August 6. The usual course will be followed, starting at Catalina Island to Manhattan Beach to the finish at Hermosa Beach. To date 22 teams have entered the event, and strength, brawn and speed.

HO-HUM—AS IF ANYONE CARES

Recently, the Imps and Old Glory of Philadelphia played one game for 18 hours and 39 minutes. . . 550 innings. Every player who started the game at 3 p. m. was in the end of the game. Rain that started in the mid-afternoon made the field inches deep in mud. This game supposedly beat the world record by 29 innings. Ho-Hum.

DEER HUNTERS HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE

The recent signing of an emergency measure by Governor Olson changing the dates of the Los Angeles county deer season, makes the season in this county to conform to Ventura and Santa Barbara districts. Following are the changes, effective immediately:

District 2—San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey and portions of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno and Kings, opened as usual, August 1st, closes September 15th, inclusive.

New District 3½ — San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and the western portion of Kern county, will have open season from August 10th to September 9th, inclusive.

District 4—San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties, will open as usual, September 16th, closes October 15th, inclusive.

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Morris to Train Cleveland Recruits Here; All-State Team Plays Sunday

One result of the California Semi-Pro Tournament which ended here Monday night was a new status for the Torrance-Lomita Merchants ball club, managed by Walt Morris. The local team is no longer to bear the Merchants tag. Henceforth they will be known as the Torrance-Lomita Indians and Morris will manage a "farm" at the city park diamond for young recruits signed by the Cleveland Indians of the American league.

An agreement signed last Saturday by Morris and Johnny Angel, Pacific Coast scout for the Cleveland club provided for the change in name and the use of the T-L club as a training ground for young player prospects.

All recruits signed by Cleveland on the Pacific Coast will be sent here for seasoning under Morris' tutelage. Uniforms are to be furnished by Cleveland.

Feature Games Sunday
The late Merchants and now

Indians will play the Brooklyn Juniors of San Diego next Sunday afternoon here at 2 o'clock and will use four new players, including Wayne Wiseman, formerly of the N.Y.A. team of Hermosa Beach, who was selected All-State left fielder on the honor squad picked from the Semi-Pro Tourney teams.

Sunday night, the All-State team will show what its stellar formation can do in an actual game. The honor team will play the Brooklyn Juniors at 8 o'clock. Fred Millican, catcher on the N. Y. A. club, will manage the All-Staters.

TOURNEY SIDELIGHTS

LIGHTS GO OUT . . . As the last "grandstand umpire" strolled out of the gate Monday night—talking about "what was wrong with that play on second"—Dale Riley turned out the blazing floodlights that had illuminated the diamond for 24 consecutive nights and the California Semi-Pro Tourney for 1939 was over.

PENCIL WORK BEGINS . . . But the tourney was not finished so far as Riley was concerned. He still had to make out a sheaf of reports to the National Semi-Pro Congress, check over the gate receipts, divvy up the take with the first five teams, make his final report to the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the event.

CONSENSUS . . . It can be truthfully reported that the tourney was an outstanding success from every standpoint: Attendance, altho it would have been better at some of the earlier games, was excellent; games were well-worth any spectators' two-bits; there were no serious alterations; and Torrance derived many columns of publicity in newspapers other than this family journal.

SECOND LIGHT HIT . . . McCabe, Standard Oil's catcher, knocked the ball into a flood light hooked home plate in the seventh of the game with S. P. Longshoremen last Thursday night. This was only the second time the big globe was put out by a ball hit during the series.

SOUVENIR . . . When Roy Willis, T-L Merchant outfielder, poled out that homer in the fifth of the game with Shell A. C. last Friday night, he decided he wanted that ball. He begged it from umpire Jack Widner and had it autographed by his pitcher-victim, Bev Brown.

TWO INJURIES . . . Catcher Ray of El Centro and Catcher Multonovich of Shell A. C., were the only major casualties of the series. Ray sprained an ankle Saturday night and Multonovich sprained a couple ribs when he dumped home-ward-driving McNeeley of El Centro in the second inning of Sunday night's contest. Both saw action in the final game, however.

QUESTION? . . . If Torrance wants to hold the fourth annual Semi-Pro Tournament next summer it must make application to the National Congress early this fall. It's up to you fans and residents of this city to indicate if you'd like the series held in our own park again. What do you say?

NEAR RECORD . . . When seven

Zoo inmates do their bit TOKYO (U.P.)—Animals in the Tokyo zoos are being forced to do their bit to help Japan win the war against China. The animals are fed fish instead of meat, because fish is cheaper.

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